

REMARKS

The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Action. It is noted with appreciation that claim 6 is allowed.

In response to claims 1, 2 and 4 rejected under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by Jones, III et al ("Jones"), the Applicant has amended the claims 1 and 4 so as to more specifically emphasize the characteristics of the present invention. In particular, the claims have been amended to reflect that a body, e.g., body 11 in the present invention, is removably connected to the plug as stated in the detailed description. On the other hand, Jones disclosed a receiving socket 20 that is fixed on the console portion of the instrumental panel. Alternatively, Jones disclosed a track or slot 314 that is also fixed on the instrumental panel. Jones does not teach or suggest a body removably connected to a plug which forms part of the connector as set forth in the claims. The present invention is consequently clearly distinct from and thus novel in view of the apparatus of Jones.


In response to claims 3 and 5 rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 4 are allowable over the cited art for the reasons provided above. Therefore, claims 3 and 5, which directly depend on patentable claims 1 and 4, and further limit the scope, are also believed to be patentable.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed or rendered moot. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is also believed that a full and completed response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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